
QUESTIONS PARLIAMENTARY,

Concerning the

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COMMONS of *ENGLAND*,

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Assembled in Parliament.

1. **W**Hether it be not the undoubted
Right of every Commoner of *En-
gland* to prefer Informations, and
to Present and Prosecute any Crime
or Misdemeanor, contrary to the Laws and Customs
of this Realm, against any Person whatsoever, before
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such Judge or Judges as have Cognizance thereof? And whether the House of Commons be not the only, or most proper Authority, to receive and hear Complaints of Crimes and Misdemeanors committed by their own Members?

2. Whether it be not the *Special Duty* of every Member of the House of Commons to Present and impartially promote the Just and Reasonable *Petitions* of any of those for whom they serve, when required so to do? And whether the Refusal or willful Neglect thereof by any Member, be not a Breach of the Trust reposed in him?

3. Whether such a Refusal or Neglect, when the Petition is for the Honor of the Prince, and of the Government, be not moreover a *Disrespect*, and Neglect of Duty to the *Prince*; and the slighting of such a Petition by a Member who is also a Privy-Counsellor, a Misdemeanor against his Duty in each of those Capacities?

4. Whether a *Speaker* of the House of Commons hath any Privilege to exempt him from Complaints, for any Crime or Misdemeanor, more than a Peer, or than any other Member of the House of Commons hath?

5. Whether it be not a special Branch of the Business and Duty of the House of Commons, to enquire of all Hinderances and Discouragements of the *Execution of the Laws* by Persons in great Place and Authority; and to complain of them for it to the Prince; and to punish the same in their own Members as far as their Authority extends?

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6. Whether to hinder or discourage the Execution of the Laws, be not a Misdemeanor greatly aggravated in a Member of Parliament, by being committed *against the special Office and Duty of the House?* and more yet if committed by the Speaker himself?

7. Whether the same Offence be not farther aggravated, if committed *contrary to an express Command of the Prince*, who is obliged to command the strict Execution of the Laws, upon any special Occasion, as in case of a general Neglect of the Magistrates, and the like?

8. Whether the same Offence be not farther greatly aggravated, by being *done to countenance others combining together in the same Misdemeanor*, notwithstanding the express Command of the Prince?

9. Whether such a Misdemeanor, with the Aggravations aforesaid, be not such an *Insolent and Presumptuous Contempt of the Royal Authority*, as ought to be resented accordingly by every Member, as well out of *Duty and Fidelity to the Prince*, as out of Duty and regard to the Honor of the House?

10. Whether the House of Commons have not *turned out, imprison'd and impeach'd* their own Members for Misdemeanors, not greater in their own Nature, nor so aggravated with Variety of Evil Circumstances?

11. Whether it doth not concern the Prince, and the Government, in respect of Interest and Safety, as well as of Honor, that the Royal Authority be kept up, and such Insolences and Misdemeanors suppressed, by due Correction and Punishment of such Offenders?

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12. Whether it be not the Right, necessary Duty and Wisdom of the Commons of *England*, and of all Loyal and Faithful Subjects, to enquire and take special Notice of the Behaviour of their respective Representatives, in all such cases, wherein the Honor and Interest of the Prince, the Safety and Peace of the Government, or their own Rights are in any special manner concerned?

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